

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LONNIE AVANT,

Defendant.
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ORDER

20 CR 414-2 (VB)

A change of plea hearing in this case is scheduled for January 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Because of the current public health emergency, the Court expects to conduct the proceeding by videoconference via Skype for Business (or by telephone conference if videoconferencing is not reasonably available).

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The proceeding will be conducted through Skype for Business. In advance of the proceeding, Chambers will email all counsel with further information on how to access the proceeding. Those participating by video will click on the link or calendar invite to be provided by Chambers. Only the Court, the defendant, defense counsel, and counsel for the government will appear by video for the proceeding; all others will participate by telephone. Only one counsel per party may participate by video. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the public may access the audio feed of the proceeding by calling **(917) 933-2166** and entering **Conference ID 715322914#**.

2. To optimize use of the Court's videoconferencing technology, all participants appearing by video must:

- a. Use a web browser other than Microsoft Explorer to access Skype for Business;
- b. Use hard-wired internet or WiFi. If using WiFi, the device should be positioned as close to the WiFi router as possible to ensure a strong signal. (Weak signals may cause delays or dropped feeds.)
- c. Minimize the number of others using the same WiFi router during the conference.

3. If Skype for Business does not work well enough and the Court decides to transition to its teleconference line, counsel and defendant should call **(888) 363-4749 (toll free)** **or (215) 446-3662** and use Access Code **1703567**. (Members of the press and public may call the same number but will not be permitted to speak during the conference.)

Dated: January 15, 2021
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Briccetti', written over a horizontal line.

Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge